you for revision, provided that your mailing address or fax number is legible and valid. When returning a registration form for revision, FDA will use the means by which the registration was received by the agency (i.e., by mail or fax).

- (4) FDA will enter complete and legible updates into its registration system, along with CD-ROM submissions, as soon as practicable, in the order FDA receives them.
- (5) FDA will then mail to the address or fax to the fax number on the registration form a copy of the update as entered and confirmation of the update. When responding to an update submission, FDA will use the means by which the form was received by the agency (i.e., by mail or fax).
- (6) If any update information you previously submitted was incorrect at the time of submission, you must immediately resubmit your update.
- (7) Your registration will be considered updated once FDA enters your facility's update data into the registration system and the system generates an update confirmation.
- (e) Update by CD-ROM for multiple submissions. If, for example, you do not have reasonable access to the Internet through any of the methods provided under §1.231(a), you may update your facilities' registrations by CD-ROM.
- (1) Registrants submitting their updates in CD-ROM format must use ISO 9660 (CD-R or CD-RW) data format.
- (2) Update files must be submitted on a PDF rendition of FDA's registration form (Form 3537) and be accompanied by one signed copy of the certification statement on the registration form (Form 3537).
- (3) Each submission on the CD-ROM must contain the same preferred mailing address in the appropriate block on Form 3537.
- (4) The CD-ROM may contain updates for as many facilities as needed up to the CD-ROM's capacity.
- (5) The update for each facility on the CD-ROM must have a unique file name up to 32 characters long, the first part of which may be used to identify the parent company.
- (6) You must mail the CD-ROM to U.S. Food and Drug Administration  ${\bf U}$

- (HFS-681), 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.
- (7) If FDA receives an update CD-ROM that does not comply with these specifications, it will return the CD-ROM to the registrant unprocessed.
- (8) FDA will enter CD-ROM update submissions into its registration system, along with the complete and legible mailed and faxed update submissions, as soon as practicable, in the order FDA receives them.
- (9) For each facility on the CD-ROM, FDA will mail to the preferred mailing address a copy of the update(s) as entered and confirmation of the update.
- (10) If any update information you previously submitted was incorrect at the time of submission, you must immediately resubmit your update.
- (11) Your registration will be considered updated once FDA enters your facility's update data into the registration system and the system generates an update confirmation.

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# § 1.235 How and when do you cancel your facility's registration information?

- (a) Notification of registration cancellation. A facility canceling its registration must do so within 60 calendar days of the reason for cancellation (e.g., facility ceases operations, ceases providing food for consumption in the United States, or the facility is sold to a new owner).
- (b) Cancellation requirements. The cancellation of a facility's registration must include the following information:
- (1) The facility's registration number:
- (2) Whether the facility is domestic or foreign:
  - (3) The facility name and address;
- (4) The name, address, and e-mail address (if available) of the individual submitting the cancellation; and
- (5) A statement certifying that the information submitted is true and accurate, and that the person submitting the cancellation is authorized by the facility to cancel its registration.
- (c) Electronic cancellation. (1) To cancel your registration electronically,

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you must cancel at http://www.fda.gov/furls.

- (2) Once you complete your electronic cancellation, FDA will automatically provide you with an electronic confirmation of your cancellation.
- (3) Your registration will be considered cancelled once FDA transmits your cancellation confirmation.
- (d) Cancellation by mail or fax. If, for example, you do not have reasonable access to the Internet through any of the methods described in §1.231(a), you may cancel your facility's registration by mail or fax.
- (1) You must cancel your registration using Form 3537a. You may obtain a copy of this form by writing to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (HFS-681), 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, or by requesting the form by phone at 1-877-FDA-3882 (1-877-332-3882).
- (2) When you receive the form, you must completely and legibly fill out the form and either mail it to the address in paragraph (d)(1) of this section or fax it to 301–436–2804 or 1–800–573–0846
- (3) If the information on the form is incomplete or illegible when FDA receives it, FDA will return the form to you for revision, provided that your mailing address or fax number is legible and valid. When returning a cancellation form for revision, FDA will use the means by which the cancellation was received by the agency (i.e., by mail or fax).
- (4) FDA will enter complete and legible mailed and faxed cancellations into its registration system, along with CD-ROM cancellations, as soon as practicable, in the order FDA receives them
- (5) FDA will then mail to the address or fax to the fax number on the cancellation form a copy of the cancellation as entered and confirmation of the cancellation. When responding to a cancellation, FDA will use the means by which the form was received by the agency (i.e., by mail or fax).
- (6) If any information you previously submitted was incorrect at the time of submission, you must immediately resubmit your cancellation.

- (7) Your registration will be considered cancelled once FDA enters your facility's cancellation data into the registration system and the system generates a confirmation.
- (e) Cancellation by CD-ROM for multiple submissions. If, for example, you do not have reasonable access to the Internet through any of the methods described in §1.231(a), you may cancel your facilities' registrations using a CD-ROM.
- (1) Registrants submitting their cancellations in CD-ROM format must use ISO 9660 (CD-R or CD-RW) data format.
- (2) Cancellation files must be submitted on a PDF rendition of the cancellation form (Form 3537a) and be accompanied by one signed copy of the certification statement on the cancellation form.
- (3) Each submission on the CD-ROM must contain the same preferred mailing address in the appropriate block on Form 3537.
- (4) The CD-ROM may contain cancellations for as many facilities as needed up to the CD-ROM's capacity.
- (5) The cancellation for each facility on the CD-ROM must have a unique file name up to 32 characters long, the first part of which may be used to identify the parent company.
- (6) You must mail the CD-ROM to U.S. Food and Drug Administration (HFS-681), 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.
- (7) If FDA receives a CD-ROM that does not comply with these specifications, it will return the CD-ROM to the registrant unprocessed.
- (8) FDA will enter CD-ROM submissions that meet the specifications into its registration system, along with complete and legible mailed and faxed submissions, as soon as practicable, in the order FDA receives them.
- (9) For each facility on the CD-ROM, FDA will mail to the preferred mailing address a copy of the cancellation(s) as entered and confirmation of the cancellation.
- (10) If any information you previously submitted was incorrect at the time of submission, you must immediately resubmit your cancellation.
- (11) Your registration will be considered cancelled once FDA enters your facility's cancellation data into the

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#### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

# § 1.240 What other registration requirements apply?

In addition to the requirements of this subpart, you must comply with the registration regulations found in part 108 of this chapter, related to emergency permit control, and any other Federal, State, or local registration requirements that apply to your facility.

# § 1.241 What are the consequences of failing to register, update, or cancel your registration?

(a) Section 301 of the act (21 U.S.C. 331) prohibits the doing of certain acts or causing such acts to be done. Under section 302 of the act (21 U.S.C. 332), the United States can bring a civil action in Federal court to enjoin a person who commits a prohibited act. Under section 303 of the act (21 U.S.C. 333), the United States can bring a criminal action in Federal court to prosecute a person who is responsible for the commission of a prohibited act. Under section 306 of the act (21 U.S.C. 335a), FDA can seek debarment of any person who has been convicted of a felony relating to importation of food into the United States. Failure of an owner, operator, or agent in charge of a domestic or foreign facility to register its facility, to update required elements of it's facility's registration, or to cancel its registration in accordance with the requirements of this subpart is a prohibited act under section 301(dd) of the

(b) FDA will cancel a registration if the agency independently verifies that the facility is no longer in business or has changed owners, and the owner, operator, or agent in charge of the facility fails to cancel the registration, or if FDA determines that the registration is for a facility that does not exist. If FDA cancels a facility's registration, FDA will mail a confirmation of the cancellation to the facility at the address provided in the facility's registration.

(c) If an article of food is imported or offered for import into the United States and a foreign facility that manufactured/processed, packed, or held that article of food has not registered in accordance with this subpart, the disposition of the article of food shall be governed by the procedures set out in subpart I of this part.

## § 1.242 What does assignment of a registration number mean?

Assignment of a registration number to a facility means that the facility is registered with FDA. Assignment of a registration number does not in any way convey FDA's approval or endorsement of a facility or its products.

## § 1.243 Is food registration information available to the public?

(a) The list of registered facilities and registration documents submitted under this subpart are not subject to disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552 (the Freedom of Information Act). In addition, any information derived from such list or registration documents that would disclose the identity or location of a specific registered person, is not subject to disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552 (the Freedom of Information Act).

(b) Paragraph (a) of this section does not apply to any information obtained by other means or that has previously been disclosed to the public as defined in §20.81 of this chapter.

### Subpart I—Prior Notice of Imported Food

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#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

## § 1.276 What definitions apply to this subpart?

- (a) *The act* means the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.
- (b) The definitions of terms in section 201 of the act (21 U.S.C. 321) apply when the terms are used in this subpart, unless defined in this section.
- (1) Calendar day means every day shown on the calendar.
- (2) Country from which the article originates means FDA Country of Production.